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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

What is claimed as the invention is:

- 1. -36 (Canceled)
- A cell population comprising undifferentiated hES cells essentially free of feeder 37. (New) cells, cultured on an extracellular matrix in a medium conditioned by fibroblast feeder cells,

wherein the population comprises cells stably transfected so as to express a protein from a heterologous polynucleotide in which an encoding region for the expressed protein is operably linked to a promoter that promotes transcription of the encoding region while the hES cells are undifferentiated and wherein at least 90% of the undifferentiated hES cells have been stably transfected.

The cell population of claim 37, wherein said promoter is selected from the EF1a 38. (New) promoter and the PGK promoter.